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TAKA AKI TSURUYA)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent 5,991,567. In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, a copy of that U.S. patent is not provided.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,991,567	11/23/99	Kobayashi, et al	399	101	

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